

Meriden

Connecticut

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Belongs to
New Haven County
New Haven Labor Market Area
South Central Economic Dev. Region
South Central Connecticut Planning Area

Incorporated in 1806

Demographics

				<i>Race/Ethnicity (1998)</i>			
<i>Population (1998)</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>State</i>		<i>Town</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>State</i>
1980	57,116	761,337	3,107,580	White	43,618	627,554	2,648,212
1990	59,479	804,219	3,287,116	Black	2,625	82,801	274,213
1998	56,428	790,961	3,271,239	Asian Pacific	538	2,378	73,304
2003	54,931	784,332	3,272,149	Native American	90	1,358	5,952
'98-'03 Growth	-2.65%	-0.84%	0.03%	Other	73	1,278	5,336
				Hispanic (any race)	9,484	63,019	264,222
Land Area (sq. miles)	23.74	605.79	4,845	<i>Poverty Rate (1990)</i>	7.31%	7.86%	6.61%
Pop./ Sq. Mile (1998)	2,376.92	1,305.67	653	<i>Educational Attainment (1990)</i>			
Per Capita Inc. (1998)	\$19,862	\$23,237	\$27,078	Persons Age 25 or Older	<i>Town</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>State</i>
Households (1998)	22,028	299,905	1,229,087	High School Graduate	13,511	34.2%	648,366
Median Age (1997)	36.5	36.9	37.2	Some College	8,958	22.7%	495,696
				Bachelors or More	6,276	15.9%	597,693
<i>Age Distribution (1998)</i>							
	<i>0-4</i>	<i>5-17</i>	<i>18-24</i>	<i>25-49</i>	<i>50-64</i>	<i>65+</i>	<i>Total</i>
Male	2,092 8%	5,076 19%	2,037 8%	10,943 41%	3,621 13%	3,245 12%	27,014
Female	2,040 7%	4,858 17%	2,140 7%	11,107 38%	3,922 13%	5,347 18%	29,414
County Total	52,870 7%	133,675 17%	69,164 9%	300,354 38%	114,260 14%	120,638 15%	790,961
State Total	216,119 7%	550,400 17%	280,101 9%	1,257,928 38%	499,093 15%	467,598 14%	3,271,239

Economics

<i>Business Profile (1997)</i>					<i>Top Five Grand List (1997)</i>		
<i>Sector</i>	<i>Firms</i>	<i>% of Total</i>	<i>Emp.</i>	<i>% of Total</i>		<i>Amount</i>	<i>% of Total</i>
Agriculture	32	1.4%	106	0.4%	YankeeGas	\$48,969,180	2.86%
Const. and Mining	374	16.6%	1,846	7.0%	Connecticut Light & Power	\$35,364,960	2.07%
Manufacturing	139	6.2%	5,298	20.1%	C S C Outsourcing, Inc	\$15,460,570	0.90%
Trans. And Utilities	79	3.5%	2,344	8.9%	HRE Properties	\$11,044,660	0.65%
Trade	629	28.0%	5,151	19.5%	Meriden Square Partnership	\$10,621,350	0.62%
Finance, Ins. and Real Estate	147	6.5%	1,717	6.5%	Grand List Total (1996)	\$1,711,424,090	
Services	827	36.8%	8,676	32.9%	<i>Top Five Major Employers (1997)</i>		
Government	21	0.9%	1,235	4.7%	VMMC	Walbro Automotive	
Total	2,248	100.0%	26,373	100.0%	SNET	Canberra Ind.	
					Yankee Gas Services		
						<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>
					<i>Retail Sales (1996)</i>	\$366,156,542	\$30,837,967,729

Education

Education				Connecticut Mastery Test Percent Above Goal											
1995-1996 School Year				Town		State		Connecticut Mastery Test Percent Above Goal							
Total Students				1,806	461,203	Grade 4		Grade 6		Grade 8					
Total Expenditures Per Pupil				\$7,866	\$8,300	Town		State		Town		State			
Average Teacher's Salary				\$52,446	\$48,598	Reading	46	55	49	60	46	64			
Students Attending Public School				85.9%	89.2%	Math	44	59	35	52	30	51			
Student/Teacher Ratio				15.8	14.5	Writing	33	46	32	46	27	51			
Grads Pursuing Post-Sec. Education				71.9%	75.8%	Average SAT Score				Town		State			
High School Dropout Rate				6.8%	4.6%	Verbal				470		503			
Average Class Size								Math				477		499	
Kindergarten	20.2	Grade 2	20.7												
Grade 5	21.4	Grade 7	22.4	High School	21.2										

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Government

Government Form	Council- Manager	Annual Debt Service (1996)	\$14,816,881
		As % of Expenditures	12.9%
Total Revenue (1996)	\$117,564,668	Equalized Grand List (1996)	\$2,527,746,744
Tax Revenue	\$65,536,807	Per Capita	\$42,949
Non-tax Revenue	\$7,075,639	As % of State Average	55.1%
Intergovernmental	\$44,952,222	Date of Last Revaluation	10/ 1/92
Per Capita Tax (1996)	\$1,187	Moody's Bond Rating (1997)	A
As % of State Average	83.4%	Actual Mill Rate (1997)	35.80
Total Expenditures (1996)	\$114,483,088	Equalized Mill Rate (1996)	25.34
Education	\$51,291,852	% of Grand List Com/Ind (1995)	18.0%
Other	\$63,191,236		
Total Indebtness (1996)	\$73,849,084		
As % of Expenditures	64.5%		
Per Capita	\$1,255		
As % of State Average	120.6%		

Housing

Housing Stock (1997)	Town	County	State	Sales Price Distribution (1996)	Town	County	State
Existing Units (total)	24,803	339,524	1,374,566	Number of Sales			
% Single Unit	52.7%	57.8%	62.9%	Less than \$100,000	638	6,241	22,254
New Permits Auth. (1997)	37	2,030	9,349	\$100,001-\$200,000	207	4,654	20,713
As % Existing Units	0.15%	0.60%	0.68%	\$200,001-\$300,000	1	1,188	6,600
Demolitions (1997)	103	296	1,193	\$300,001-\$400,000	0	262	2,730
Residential Sales (1996)	847	12,512	56,333	\$400,001 or More	1	167	4,036
Average Price	\$90,085	\$136,734	\$194,596	1996 Characteristics			
Median Price	\$90,000	\$122,000	\$138,000	Owner Occupied Dwellings	14,071	191,583	807,559
				Housing Stock Age - Pre-1950	38.0%	36.0%	33.9%
				Subsidized Housing Units	4,558	42,124	148,930

Labor Force

				Commuters (1990)			
1997	Town	County	State	Commuters into Town from		Town Residents Commuting to	
Labor Force	30,171	414,075	1,723,300	1. Meriden	12166	Meriden	12166
Employed	28,154	391,311	1,635,400	2. Wallingford	2099	Wallingford	4256
Unemployed	2,017	22,764	87,900	3. Southington	1153	Middletown	1461
Unemployment Rate	6.7%	5.5%	5.1%	4. Middletown	622	Hartford	1345
Total Employment	24,320	354,930	1,581,700	5. Cheshire	597	North Haven	1189
Manufacturing	4,670	60,020	265,850	6. Waterbury	496	Southington	1038
'92-'97 Growth Rate	0.8%	3.5%	4.3%	7. Hamden	318	New Haven	875
Daytime Population	22,329	371,178	1,740,247	8. New Britain	314	Cheshire	753
				9. New Haven	309	Hamden	438
				10. North Haven	287	New Britain	393

Quality of Life

Town	State	Library (1996-1997)	Town	Residential Utilities	
Banks (1997)	15	1,378	Total Volumes	216,318	Electric Provider
Lodging (1997)	14	756	Circulation Per Capita	6.9	Connecticut Light & Power
Day Care Facilities (1998)	22	1,651			1-800-286-2000
Infant Mortality Rate			Distance to Major Cities	Miles	Gas Provider
Per 1,000 Res. (1995)	2.861	0.099	Hartford	17	Yankee Gas Company
Crime Rate (1996)			Boston	107	1-800-989-0900
Per 1,000 Residents	56.5	40	New York City	85	Water Provider
% Open Land (1990)	34.3%	68.8%	Providence	74	Municipal Provider
					Contact local provider
Hospitals (1997)	1	7			Cable Provider
Total Beds	120	2,462			Cox Communications CT, Inc.
					203-514-4269